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To the MLPA Initiative staff:

I am presenting myself to be a member of the regional stakeholder group. As a resident of Sebastopol for almost 25 years, I am familiar with land and marine use issues and the relationships between them. Having participated intensively in PFMC deliberations regarding California, Oregon and Washington fishing industry regulations over the last year, I have learned much about California fishing conditions and the regulatory framework, concentrating mostly on salmon. My attached "Bio" shows my involvement in and commitment to clean water, fresh water spawning rivers and fishery matters as well as a broad range of land use issues for a long time.

An important quality is not only to convey interests and ideas, but to be able to receive and understand other positions and assist others in comprehending them. I am especially interested in taking complex matters, written often in difficult industry or research jargon, and translating them into ordinary English.

My special interest in marine life is expressed often at the dinner table. It is essential that marine life continue to be abundant for its own sake, but also as a rich and wonderful food resource that nature has provided for our health and well-being, as we are part of the food chain.

I am in contact with people up and down the coast and never hesitate to make "cold calls". To communicate with a wide audience on important matters, I have planned, organized and moderated numerous conferences in Sebastopol and Santa Rosa that were sponsored by a broad range of stakeholders: from dairymen to environmental groups, government agencies to fishermen. Topics ranged from sustainable agriculture to ultra-violet disinfection of wastewater and Bio-diesel. Especially relevant to this process, I hosted two conferences on the California Environmental Quality Act. All conferences were very well attended.

I am known to be a hard worker who "does her homework". Attached information indicates my past involvement in public processes on natural resource policy and planning. I expect to communicate with participants in the MLPA process and with the public especially via fliers, mailers, phone and FAX, newspaper, radio, TV, the "old-fashioned" and more personal way.

Sincerely,


Ann Maurice